



## **DNREC-SIRB**

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **FINAL PLAN OF REMEDIAL ACTION FOR THE FORMER BELLANCA HANGAR SITE**

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Site Investigation and Restoration Branch (“DNREC-SIRB”) adopts the Proposed Plan of Remedial Action (“Proposed Plan”) as the Final Plan of Remedial Action (“Final Plan”) for the Former Bellanca Hangar Site (“Site”). The Site is located southeast of the intersection of New Castle-Frenchtown Road (Rt. 273) and Centrepoint Boulevard in New Castle, Delaware. This Proposed Plan is issued under the authority of the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act, 7 Del. C., Chapter 91 (“HSCA”).

The Site is approximately one acre in size and has been vacant since 1988. The Site is part of a 28 acre property which is owned by the Trustees of New Castle Common (“Trustees”). From the late 1930s until the late 1970s, the Site was part of a small airport. Since the 1970s, Weaver Pole Line, Inc. utilized the Site for a variety of industrial activities including the recycling of a type plastic (atactic polypropylene) and a recycling drum facility. In June 1995, several buried drums were discovered on the Site.

In June 1996, the Trustees entered into the DNREC-SIRB’s Voluntary Cleanup Program (“VCP”). Through a VCP Agreement, the Trustees agreed to investigate the presence of buried drums on the Site and on the larger property as well as the potential risks posed to the public health, welfare and the environment. The Trustees contracted WIK Associates, Inc. (“WIK”) to conduct a series of Interim Actions (“IA”) to remove the buried drums and to perform a Remedial Investigation (“RI”) of the Site.

During a period from 1995 through 1999, a total of over 2,200 tons of waste material was removed from the Site. Additionally, all soil samples were screened by analyzing for Volatile Organic Compounds (“VOCs”), Semivolatile Organic Compounds (“SVOCs”) and Pesticides/ Polychlorinated Biphenyls (“PCBs”). Based on the screening results, the samples were below the DNREC-SIRB Uniform Risk Based Standards (“URS”) for unrestricted use. Specific details regarding the work performed during previous investigations at the Site can be found in the Drum Removal Interim Action Report

(WIK, August 1997) and the Supplemental Drum Removal Interim Action Report For 1998-1999 Site Activities (WIK, September 2000), which are available at DNREC-SIRB's office at the address listed below.

In February 2000, WIK prepared a RI Work Plan for the Site and Property. The purposes of the RI were to: 1) assess and characterize the groundwater, if any was encountered, within the drum removal and soil contaminated areas, 2) evaluate and characterize whether any more waste materials were buried on the remainder of the larger property, 3) evaluate risks to public health, welfare, and the environment associated with identified contaminants, and 4) assess, based upon analytical testing, whether further remedial action is required.

Geoprobe® borings completed at the Site where drums and solid waste had been previously removed, confirmed that there was no groundwater within 35 feet of ground surface on the western portion of the Site. The Remedial Investigation activities are detailed in the Remedial Investigation Report for the Former Bellanca Hangar Site prepared by WIK Associates, Inc. in March 2001 and revised in May 2001, which is also available at DNREC-SIRB's office.

In determining this Final Plan, DNREC-SIRB considered the proposed Site for any future use and the risk to human health as well as the Qualitative and Quantitative Remedial Action Objectives. Based on extensive excavation and replacement with clean fill, there appears to be no contaminants of concern remaining on the Former Bellanca Hangar Site. Therefore, there is no present risk to human health or the environment at the Site and the Final Plan of Remedial Action requires no further action.

A copy of the Final Plan of Remedial Action for the Site is available at the New Castle Library or at the following location:

DNREC – SIRB  
391 Lukens Drive  
New Castle, DE 19720  
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The Final Plan is also posted on DNREC-SIRB's website at <http://sirb.awm.dnrec.state.de.us> under the subject "Announcements."

Pursuant to 7 Del. C. § 9107 (e) (2), DNREC-SIRB invited written comments on this Proposed Plan. The public comment period began on Monday, June 18, 2001 and ended on Monday, July 9, 2001 at the close of the business day (4:30 p.m.). Pursuant to 7 Del. C. § 9110 (b)(1), the public may appeal this Final Plan within twenty (20) days following the date of this notice. For additional information, please contact Robert Schulte at (302) 395-2600.

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